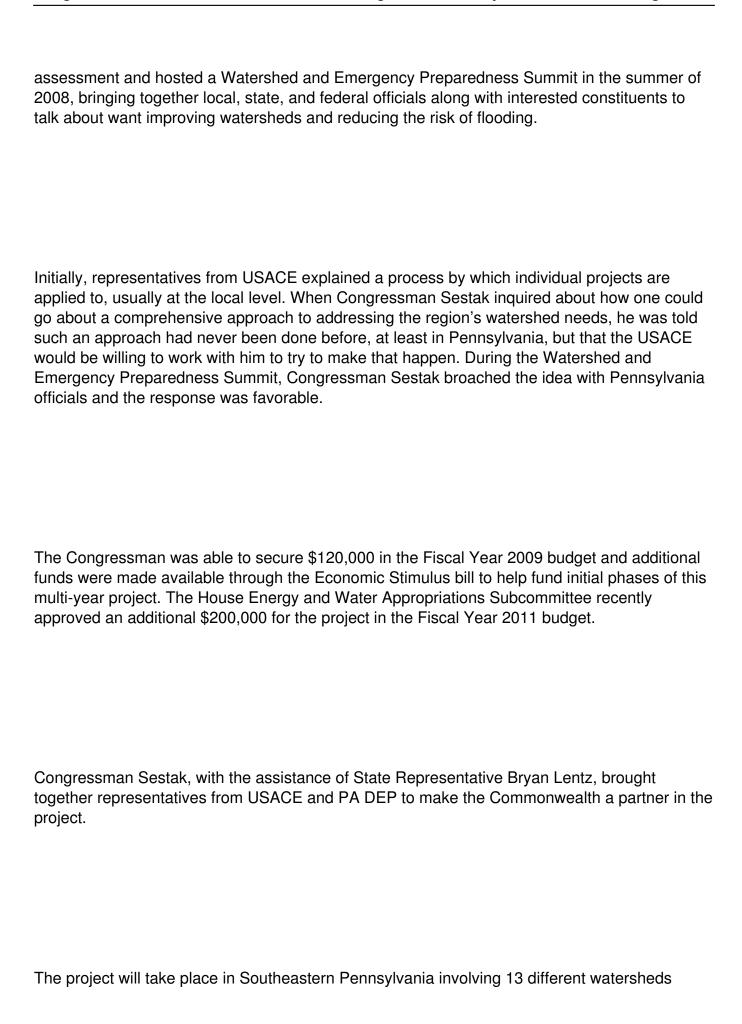
☐ Effort by Congressman Sestak leads to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and PA DEP agreeing to work together in a first-of-its-kind arrangement to address watershed needs in Southeastern Pennsylvania
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MEDIA, PA — Congressman Sestak (PA-07) announces the first of its kind watershed agreement between the federal government and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania using funds Congressman Sestak secured and additional funding from the Economic Stimulus. Under the agreement, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) will partner with the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PA DEP) to develop preliminary designs for prioritized projects for the watersheds in southeastern Pennsylvania in parts of Delaware, Chester and Montgomery Counties (a complete list of affected watersheds is below). According to the scope of work, "[t]he preliminary designs will focus on improving and protecting surface water resources and environmental infrastructure."
"We cannot fix regional flooding and watershed problems, such as need for ecological

restoration and erosion, solely with band-aid solutions that each only deals with concerns of a small community," said Congressman Sestak. "Repairs made in one part of our region do not necessarily take into account the impact on other communities and watersheds. The most effective way to proceed is a long-term approach that begins with a reconnaissance study, which has just been approved, and involves the many local watershed groups and individuals

Approval of this project is the result of more than three years working to find the best way to mitigate flood damage in the region and address other watershed issues. Shortly after taking office, Congressman Sestak toured various parts of the Pennsylvania 7<sup>th</sup> Congressional District viewing past flood damage, particularly from the devastating 2004 flood. He was also briefed on the need for ecological restoration and erosion problems in many of our watersheds. He began working with federal officials to find ways to address the watershed and flooding needs of the District. Meanwhile, the Congressman reached out to the various watershed groups to get their



within Chester, Delaware and Montgomery Counties. The project area encompasses 750 square miles and 156 Boroughs and Townships. The 13 different watersheds in the project include:
Brandywine Creek
Chester Creek
Crum Creek
Darby Creek
Delaware River
East Branch Brandywine Creek
French Creek
Marcus Hook Creek
Naamans Creek

Perkiomen Creek	
Ridley Creek	
Schuylkill River	
Skippack Creek	

Born and raised in Delaware County, former 3-star Admiral Joe Sestak served in the Navy for 31 years and now serves as the Representative from the 7th District of Pennsylvania. He led a series of operational commands at sea, including Commander of an aircraft carrier battle group of 30 U.S. and allied ships with over 15,000 sailors and 100 aircraft that conducted operations in Afghanistan and Iraq. After 9/11, Joe was the first Director of "Deep Blue," the Navy's anti-terrorism unit that established strategic and operations policies for the "Global War on Terrorism." He served as President Clinton's Director for Defense Policy at the National Security Council in the White House, and holds a Ph.D. in Political Economy and Government from Harvard University. According to the office of the House Historian, Joe is the highest-ranking former military officer ever elected to the U.S. Congress.